

Programme of Regional event
KEP: IC NEIA
FOREST/WILDERNESS INNOVATION CAMP 23
13 – 15 December, 2023

Venue: The Forest Capital of EU, Joensuu, In the border of EU & Russia & Koli & Vaikko
Languages: English, EEST

Tuesday, 12th December
Opening Day

19:00 -

Welcome & Dinner

Pielisjoki Castle: *Premises of the Regional Council of North Karelia, Siltakatu 2, 80100 Joensuu*

Mr. Markku Markkula, President of Helsinki region and Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR)

Ms. Emma Blain, CoR member, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council

Mr. Markus Hirvonen, Regional Mayor, Council of North-Karelia

Mr. Jere Penttilä, City Mayor of Joensuu

Wednesday, 13th December 2023

Day 1: NEIA:FOREST WILDERNESS

EU FOREST CAPITAL: SUSTAINABLE GROWTH OF FOREST

BIOECONOMY, EUROPEAN COMMISSION Venue: Metla-talo, Yliopistokatu 6, 80100 Joensuu <https://woodjoensuu.fi/en/themes/wood-construction/>

09:00–09.30

REGISTRATION & COFFEE

9:30 – 9:45

WELCOME

Mr. Markku Markkula, President of Helsinki region and Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR)

Ms. Emma Blain, CoR member, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council

Ms. Magda de Carli, Head of Unit. DG RTD, EC

Ms. Assoc. Prof. Johanna Kohl, Natural Resources Institute Finland

9:45 – 10:15

EU FOREST CAPITAL: SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY & FOREST MULTIFUNCTIONALITY

Moderator: Dr. Lauri Sikanen, Natural Resources Institute Finland

Mr. Ion CODESCU, Head of Unit; DG ENVE, EC

Ms. Åsa Ågren Wikström, CoR member, Vice Chair Västerbotten, Sweden

Dr. Erik Ling, Forestry Research Institute of Sweden

Mr. Jan Trei, CoR member, Member of Viimsi Rural Municipality Council

10:15 – 10:45

World coffee style discussion in teams: What are the challenges?

Mr. Hank Kune, Educore & Paolo Martinez, Futour

10:45- 11:15

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH BY FOREST BIOECONOMY & INNOVATION

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Johanna Kohl, Natural Resources Institute Finland

Ms. Magdalena Cymerys, DG RTD, EC

Mr. Jorge Molina Villanueva, DG RTD, EC

Mr. Michael Wolf, DG AGRI, EC

Dr. Diana Tuomasjukka, European Forest Institute

11:15 -11:45

World coffee style discussion in teams: What are the challenges?

Mr. Hank Kune, Educore & Paolo Martinez, Futour

11:45-12:15

EU MISSIONS; CLIMATE & SOIL, SUPPORTING GREEN TRANSITION

Moderator: Mrs. Taina Tukiainen, Climate Adaptation Mission Board Member;

Professor of Sustainable leadership & innovation, Vaasa University, Finland

Ms. Kerstin Rosenow, Head of Unit DG AGRI, EC

Mr. Ricardo Rio, Vice Chair SEDEC, Mayor of Braga, Portugal

Ms. Emma Blain, CoR member, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council

Mr. Juri Gotmans, CoR Member, Estonia

12:15 –12:45

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12:45 – 14:00

Lunch & COFFEE

14:00 - 15:00

Logistics to KOLI & EXPLORE KOLI

15:20 - 16:30

EXPLORATION TO KOLI OUTSIDE: *RETKIPAIKKA*

Silent Koli - Meditative Nature Experience

Silence is a rare luxury and a powerful tool in today's world. On this hike, we will practice a simple walking meditation technique before embarking on the actual hike in silence without mobile phones. No previous meditation experience is necessary as the technique used is very easy and straightforward. The hike begins with walking meditation to calm the mind, followed by a peaceful stroll through the forest of Koli National Park to the top of Ukko-Koli hill where we stop to experience the darkness and silence of early winter. With no need for speaking or listening to others, participants can fully immerse themselves in nature. After the hike, we will discuss our experiences of the silence for a while.

GLÖGI

17: 00–18.30

INTRODUCTION TO KOLI NATURE CENTRE UKKO & FINNISH STATE FORESTRY LTD

WRAP-UP AND CONCLUSIONS

Mr. Markku Markkula, President of Helsinki region and Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR)

18:30 – 21:00

EARLY DINNER, Dinner at Break Hotel Koli, Ylä-Kolintie 39, 83960, Koli

<https://www.juuka.fi/web/english/koli>

21:00-22:00

LOGISTICS & Arrival to ‘Wilderness’; Stay in Finnish wilderness cabin. Hiking in the beautiful, unspoilt nature that is beautiful around the year. Sauna with hot outdoors bath tub (‘palju’) is available for the guests to use. Enjoy the recreational lake area’

Accommodation in Vaikon Loma ja Lohi (www.vaikonloma.com)

Thursday, 14th December 2023

Day 2: IC: FOREST/ WILDERNESS

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08:30 - 09:30

Breakfast

09:30- 10:00

Opening

Motivational and Inspirational Words

Mr. Markku Markkula, President of Helsinki region and Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR)

Mr. Hank Kune, Educare; Paolo Martinez, Futour

10:00 – 11:30

Exploration of Forest & wilderness innovation points: Forest, Carbon Sinks, Biodiversity, Water Bodies, Kalevala Roots, Stars & Northern Lights/Astronomy

Dr. Erin Ling, Forestry Research Institute of Sweden

Fee, see, connect, sense, meet & socialize !

11:30 – 12:30

Innovation Camp: Peer-to-peer innovation discussion and talks

Groups discuss, present their ideas to other groups who challenge, question, and give new ideas and impulses for further development !

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Mr. Andres Jaadla, CoR, Rakvere City Council Member, Estonia

Mr. Jan Trei, CoR member, Member of Viimsi Rural Municipality Council

12:30 -14:30

'Kalevala Salmon Lunch' do it and enjoy together!

'Smoked fresh salmon' lunch done and served in a traditional hut ('kota'). Salmon comes from on a nearby lake/river - prepared by our chef.

14:30 – 15:30

Forest & wilderness innovation points exploration: Forest, Carbon Sinks, Biodiversity, Water Bodies, Kalevala Roots, Stars & Northern Lights/Astronomy
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15:30 – 16:00

WRAP UP WITH FOREST YOGA

16:00- 18:00

REFRESH IN NATURE & SAUNAS

18:30 – 19:00

Transportation to the Traditional Dinner to Finnish Tradition

19:00 – 23:00

'Finnish Tradition dinner' with 'Santa Claus' enjoy together

Vaikon Loma ja Lohi (www.vaikonloma.com)